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Dear (b) (6):

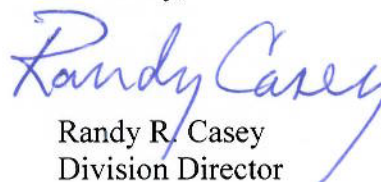
I am writing in response to your comments on Red River Coal Company's revision application 1009338 to joint SMCRA and NPDES permit 1101760/0081760. The revision application was technically approved by the Division's Water Quality reviewer on February 4, 2015.

The revision application no longer proposes to delete outfalls 010 or 012 and the Division has not authorized the discontinuation of monitoring at those locations. The permit requirements and compliance schedule related to selenium, that you mention in your comment letter, remain in place.

The removals of, and reclamation of, siltation structures associated with this mining operation were required to follow the Division's procedures. Once areas have been adequately reclaimed to their post mining land uses (forest, hayland, pasture) and siltation structures removed, the agency does not classify naturally occurring runoff or groundwater, in whatever form (underdrain, ditchline, swale), as an NPDES outfall from a coal mine.

If you have additional questions regarding this application, please contact our Permitting and/or Water Quality staffs at 276-523-8100.

Sincerely,

  
Randy R. Casey  
Division Director